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Timely Tidbits ...

\$50,000 Grant Will **Fund Worker Training**

State Representative Raymond E. Basham has announced that workers at GKN Sinter Metals will have the opportunity to improve their job skills through a program to be funded by a \$50,000 Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) grant from the State. The grant, says Basham, will also support the hiring of 50 additional workers at the company.

Under the EDJT program's current requirements, employers must provide a 25% funding match for training existing workers.

Little League Sets **Registration Dates**

Romulus Little League will accept registrations for the 2000 season at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) on Friday, February 4, from 5 to 9 p.m., and from on Saturday, February 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 per person/\$50 per family; all registrants who do not wish to sell the required two boxes of candy may choose to pay an additional fee, instead.

To sign up, parents or guardians must bring a birth certificate, proof of residence, and the full registration fee. For more information, call 734-955-6204.

Alumni Association Activities To Resume

The Romulus High School Alumni Association - which has been more or less inactive since the resignation of its former coordinator, Marge Bergman, last year - is showing signs of renewed vigor, due largely to the impetus of Romulus City Councilman Donald Morris and Alfaye Woods, wife of Romulus Board of Education Vice-president Michael Woods. Anyone who would like to become involved in getting this enjoyable and worthwhile organization back into service should contact the group's liaison, Dick Kruse (734-941-1600, ext. 231).

Workshop Will Help Romulus Teachers **Prepare Students for New MEAP Math**

Under the leadership of mathematics teacher Lynn Behta, the Romulus Community Schools recently sponsored a workshop that will help the district's teachers prepare students for a new concept that will appear in the math portion of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test beginning in 2002

The concept, called "constructed response," is very complex, according to the workshop's featured presenter, Cathy Maxwell of Lamphere Schools.

"Students will be shown a pattern involving five or six items, with one item left out," Maxwell explained. "Students will then have to draw or construct the missing figure, and explain the progression observed in the entire pattern."

Maxwell says that the constructed figure and explanation will be graded on both accuracy and overall understanding. The scores can range from a high of four (complete mastery) to a low of zero (no understanding). Because the patterns' complexity allows for a wide range of responses, the grading process is quite involved.

During the workshop, Maxwell explained how students should construct



Romulus Community Schools teachers attending the Math MEAP workshop included (from left) Jessica Graham (Merriman), Heather Doane (Merriman), Erica Swegles (Merriman), and Latoya Peoples (Romulus High School)

their responses, as well as how teachers should read and grade them. She stressed the importance of understanding the "mind set," or way of thinking, that is being used by the people who are designing the new MEAP questions. Such understanding will allow Romulus teachers to construct effective practice problems as they prepare their students.

Although these "constructed response" questions will not appear for another two years, Behta noted that it is important for our teachers to begin giving their students a good grounding in the concept now, so that they can master its intricacies over a period of time.

The session was taped so that the staff can review it whenever necessary.

Romulus Board of Education Members To Be Honored for Dedication to Schools, Community

As our state joins the rest of the nation in observing National School Board Recognition Month, approximately 4,200 school board members throughout Michigan - including the seven members of the Romulus Board of Education - are being honored for their years of service.

"This is a good time to reflect on the many significant contributions that our board members make to the community," said Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent of Romulus schools. "Most people do not realize the tremendous amount of time that Board members dedicate toward improving and developing educational opportunities for our children."

It takes a great deal of research to make informed decisions on the complex educational, social, and financial issues that face Board members, Bedell explained. Their policy decisions have a far-reaching effect on every aspect of the district's operation. In fact, according to Bedell, policies and practices implemented by our board over the past several years have resulted in benefits

- improvement in Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) math and reading scores over a fiveyear period (30% at the fourth-grade level, and 15% at the seventh-grade
- North Central Association (NCA) Transitional Endorsements for all Romulus schools; and
- the acquisition of a \$900,000 "21stcentury Grant" that funds after-school tutoring and child care for hundreds of students.

One Board policy that has been particularly effective over the past few years is the establishment of a "compact" that encourages community involvement-especially parental involvement - in the education process.

"This year, for example, approximately 700 volunteers donated a total of more than 4,300 hours to our school system," said Bedell. "These people had a definite impact in our classrooms," he added, "and their involvement gave them a firsthand look at how our coordinated efforts in school climate, curriculum, and technology are providing children with outstanding educational opportunities."

The Romulus Board of Education's successful policy for improving student achievement through increased parentcontinued on page 4

Guest Commentary

Democratic Party Offers Vision for 2000

By Mark Brewer, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party

Just as an army travels on its stomach, a political party survives and thrives based on the vision it offers to voters and the tangible ideas it puts forward to make Michigan better.

During the first half of 1999, the Michigan Democratic Party listened to the ideas and concerns of Michigan voters as we knocked on doors, and listened to the ideas of our own members as we held a series of 16 "Vision 2000" forums around the state. More than 600 citizens – from Midland to Marquette, Muskegon to Mt. Clemens – attended these forums to help us craft a message and policy agenda that was right for Michigan.

In these discussions, we asked fundamental questions: Where do we need to go as a political party? Where do we want to take Michigan? What is our vision of the future?

Out of these discussions came an exciting action plan for Democrats to campaign on. The Party released a summary of these discussions in our report: "Vision 2000 – Securing the Future for Michigan Families." It offers a clear, focused program for improving our state and communities.

Last year, we heard a lot about both the challenges and opportunities provided by continuing economic change in Michigan. We live in a time of tremendous economic and social upheaval. Many are prospering in today's "knowledge economy"; others are not benefiting as much. All of us face new stresses, strains, and uncertainties about our own security and the future well-being of our family and loved ones. Our children face new threats as well as wonderful new opportunities in this new economy. The face of our state is changing as a consequence of sprawling development, struggling cities, disappearing farms, a restructuring economy, rightsizing and down-sizing, and the sad fact that there are no more lifetime employment guarantees nor promises of secure retirement.

In this time of transition and change, the Democratic agenda is clear: We need to come together to secure the future for all Michigan families. Our action plan, as Democrats, is to lead our state in meeting this challenge.

We want to make families secure in the knowledge that quality public schools and higher education are available for all young people so that they can thrive in today's new economic environment. That is why, in Lansing, Democrats – not Republicans – are fighting for smaller class sizes, more computers in schools, and financial help for higher education. That is why Democrats are opposing Republican plans to give taxpayer funds to private schools through vouchers.

Democrats want to make families secure by ensuring that every neighborhood school sets high standards, is modern and safe, and provides a nurturing learning environment. For that reason, Democrats are pushing for after-school learning programs, repairs needed to modernize our school buildings, and a high-expectation curriculum for all students, as well as keeping standards which ensure that day-care providers are trained. Republicans wanted to get rid of these needed upgrades and safeguards.

Our plan makes families secure by insisting that Medicare, Social Security, and retirement benefits are there – and will stay there – so that our parents and seniors can live independently and with dignity. That's why Democrats in Lansing and in Washington insisted on the protection of Social Security. Instead, Republicans wanted to give the wealthy a tax cut with the new budget surplus.

Democrats will make families secure by improving access to, and affordability of, health care for everyone, and by protecting the rights of citizens in getting the quality health care we deserve. It's Democrats, not Republicans, who have been pushing to establish an HMO Bill of Rights for patients and the right to have doctors make health decisions, as well as to hold HMOs accountable, to make sure that drug companies aren't ripping off the elderly, and to expand health care to more children and families.

Democrats want to make families secure by protecting wage-earners and ensuring economic security for more Michigan families through a fair minimum wage, an earned income tax credit, equal pay for women, and renewed vigilance for worker health and safety. That is why Democrats are fighting for an increase in the minimum wage and an earned income tax credit that Republicans don't support.

This is what Michigan Democrats stand for. This is what we will fight for, today and in the future. It poses a sharp contrast to the Republicans' agenda.

Because we have listened to the people of Michigan, we are confident that we have received the message which is central to their values and priorities, and that we have identified public policies to secure a better future.

Mark Brewer can be reached at 517-371-5410. □

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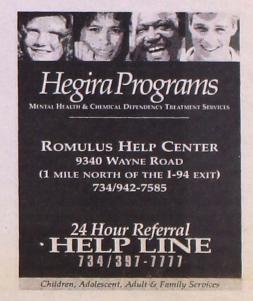
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Guest Commentary

Legislature Celebrates Successful Year

By State Senator Loren N. Bennett (R-Canton)

Entering a new year, and a new millennium, causes one to reflect. This past year has been an extremely successful one for Michigan. The Legislature has taken great strides to improve the lives of all State residents.

The accomplishments of the 1998-1999 legislative year can be seen in all aspects of society, from the momentous tax cuts made last winter to the progressive changes made in education, agriculture, and the environment.

One of last year's top priorities passing the largest income-tax cut in more than a decade - gives Michigan residents yet more reason to celebrate the New Year. This tax cut will save taxpayers nearly \$3 billion over five years, and income-tax rates will fall to less than four percent for the first time

I also am proud to have sponsored two bills that further ease the tax burden. Senate Bill 483 allows a State tax deduction for the amount of interest paid on student loans. Both businesses and children benefit from Senate Bill 540, which offers job providers the opportunity to make donations to school districts in exchange for a deduction in their Single Business Tax.

In addition, I had the opportunity to advocate a "Clean Teen" initiative. Senate Bill 527 stiffens penalties on minors attempting to purchase tobacco products and those who provide or sell them in violation of current law.

Another piece of legislation passed early last year helps strengthen Michigan's successful welfare-reform initiative. In an effort to reduce abuse and fraud, we passed a measure requiring finger-imaging on welfare recipients. This ensures that your tax dollars go to those who truly need welfare. In related legislation, some welfare recipients will be required to take random drug tests. This measure will help identify and provide treatment to recipients tormented by drug abuse.

Currently being debated in the Senate is legislation that I authored in response to the riots occurring at our state's colleges and universities. The measure prohibits any person convicted of a crime directly related to a riot occurring on or within 2,500 feet of a public community college, college, or university from entering onto the property of any State public institution of higher education for two years.

Legislation regarding the elimination of residency requirements for Michigan's local public employees also is being debated in the Legislature. This measure helps protect the individual rights of employees by allowing them to choose where they will reside rather than submitting to the whims of local units of government.

As we embark on a new year, I look forward to the next 12 months being just as successful as the last. If you have any questions or comments about past or current legislation, I can be reached at 517-373-7350. 🗆

The Police Report

A New Year's Resolution for Safety

Officer, Romulus Police Department

Welcome to the year 2000! Thankfully, the Romulus Police Department received no reports of "Y2K" problems.

Along with the New Year come New Year resolutions. Why not make one of them a resolution to do everything you can to ensure your family's safety?

Here are some hints, courtesy of AAA Michigan, on how you can keep that resolution.

- Wear your seat belts.
- Keep young children properly secured in the safety of the back seat.
- Drive aware, awake, and alert.
- Drive sober whether it's in your car, truck, boat, snowmobile, or any other

- By Joe Richardson, Crime Prevention Don't drive when angry. Forgive your fellow drivers for the errors of their
 - Get your vehicle ready for the season by doing a safety check of all major systems.
 - Wear reflective clothing if you are walking at night, and walk against
 - Insist that everyone in your family wear a helmet when biking, rollerblading, or skateboarding.
 - Plan an escape route from your home in case of fire.
 - Check your smoke detectors at least twice a year.

Editor's note: Officer Richardson welcomes your comments. Call him at 734-942-6871.

Romulus Board of Education Members Honored During National Recognition Month

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teacher interaction and cooperation received national recognition with the publication of a six-page article in the National School Board Association Journal. The district was further recognized when the article was presented at a recent National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Romulus board members' influence on the community is by no means limited to their actions during official Board meetings.

"Our board members demonstrated their commitment to continuing excellence in Romulus schools by actively campaigning and promoting the \$34-million bond issue last fall," stated Joel Carr, the district's current Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations and soon-to-be Superintendent (following the retirement of Bedell later this school year). "They involve themselves with duties such as service on various committees pertaining to policy, finance, personnel, school climate, technology, the new elementary school, and other areas of improvement.

"In addition, the Board members' demanding schedules include executive study sessions, which may occur once or twice monthly, as well as attendance at a host of school activities such as graduations, athletic contests, concerts, special assemblies, orientations, and recognition programs for students, employees, and volunteers," he continued. "Other community-service projects, unrelated to the school district, also occupy the time of many."

In keeping with School Board Recognition Month, the following synopses are offered to recognize the many contributions that Romulus Board of Education members make to our schools and our community.

Betty Lenossi, President

As President, Betty Lenossi presides over all Board meetings. She serves as an alternate on various committees, when necessary, and also represents the Board at numerous ceremonial occasions such as graduations, student-recognition functions, and the annual Apple Awards employee-recognition program. Intimately involved in the Board's plans for school-climate improvement, Lenossi enjoys visiting the district's various classrooms to observe the implementation of the Board's many initiatives, and looks forward to seeing the fruition of the projects that will be completed thanks to the passage of last fall's bond issue.

As an employee of the Romulus Senior-citizens Center, Lenossi organizes trips, luncheons, and social gatherings. Her community activities include involvement in the St. Aloysius Festival and the Romulus Library's book drives.

Michael Woods, Vice-president

As the Board's Vice-president, Michael Woods presides over meetings and ceremonial occasions in the absence of the President. His committee duties are extensive, as he is involved with the Board Policy Committee as well as the bond-issue committees related to technology and the new elementary school, and he often sits in on negotiation sessions, as well. His goal as a Board member is to have the district continue to improve in the areas of academic achievement and parent involvement.

Woods further serves his community as a member of the City of Romulus Planning Commission and the Romulus Boys & Girls Club.

Kenneth Berlinn, Secretary

Kenneth Berlinn is the Board's most senior member, with 17 years of service. As Secretary, he takes notes of each meeting. He is extensively involved as the Board's representative to the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (WCRESA), and serves as a member of the group's Executive Committee and Chairman of its nominating committee. Other committee memberships include the district's Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, and bond-issue committees on technology and the new elementary school. Finally, he is the Legislative Relations Representative for the Romulus Board and the Michigan Association of School Boards. This position often takes him to Lansing for a wide variety of activities.

His past involvements include work with the Merriman PTA and the Merriman-area Boy Scouts.

Eva Webb, Treasurer

As Treasurer, Eva Webb signs many documents concerning the business affairs of the school district. She is also Chairperson of the Board's Finance Committee, a member of the New Athletic Facilities Committee, and involved with school-climate issues.

Webb is employed as Administrative Assistant to the Romulus City Clerk. Her community-service affiliations include the City's Police, Fire, and Safety Commission and the Boys & Girls Club Advisory Council. Webb is also an active member of her church, the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Wayne, where she serves as a Sunday school teacher for young adults and a member of the Usher Board. In May of 2000, she will receive her Master's Degree in biblical counseling.

Debbie Dick, Trustee

Trustee Debbie Dick's Board memberships include the Policy Committee and the New Athletic Facilities Committee. She is also involved with Compact initiative and often sits in on contract negotiation sessions.

Through her position as Recreation Director for the City of Romulus, Dick

has wide exposure to local citizens, and these are further augmented by her involvement in the Boys & Girls Club Executive Group and the Mayor's Drug Task Force. She is also a registered official with the Michigan School Athletic Association, and has the credentials to officiate basketball, softball, baseball, and volleyball matches.

Dick enjoys traveling around Michigan to watch her son Sean play basketball for Alma College and visiting her daughter Michele at Grand Valley State. Michele – who was the Grand Valley State Homecoming Queen – will graduate this spring with a degree in public administration.

Alan Lambert, Trustee

Board Trustee Alan Lambert is a member of the Finance Committee and the New Elementary School Committee. He says that he's looking forward to "bringing reality" to the various bondissue projects.

As the Romulus Police Department's School Liaison Officer to Romulus Community High School (located at Mt. Pleasant School), Lambert's work with students and teachers offers him an unusual opportunity to gain an understanding of the needs of these students. He often works after school as a mentor and counselorfor disadvantaged students. Lambert also serves the com-

munity by doing volunteer work at various senior-citizen-related functions.

Billy McCraight, Trustee

Trustee Billy McCraight's Board membership brings responsibilities on the Personnel Committee and the New Technology Committee. In his role of observer for the New Elementary Committee, he has traveled to other schools to examine various design ideas.

McCraight – a former Romulus Fire Department Lieutenant – is a member of the Romulus Rotary Club. He is also particularly active with the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee, for which he performs a wide variety of tasks.

Attending school athletic events and concerts with his grandchildren is one of McCraight's favorite activities. He also likes to watch his grandson's participation in roller hockey, and often goes to games in Westland to root him on.

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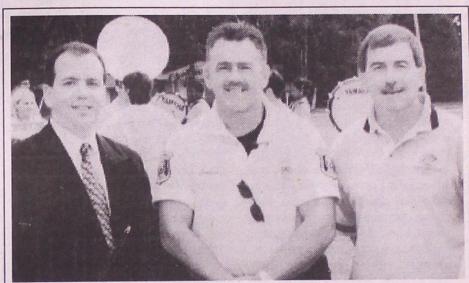
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Board Recognition Month



Romulus Board of Education members spend a good deal of time at district concerts, athletic programs, and other special events such as the annual Apple Awards employee-recognition program, attended by Board President Betty Lenossi and Trustee Billy McCraight.



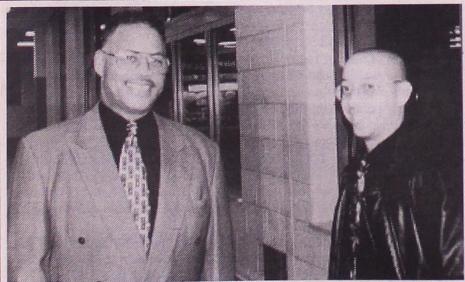
Attending the grand opening ceremony for the district's 21st-century Community Learning Center were Board Trustee Alan Lambert (center), Boys & Girls Club Vice-president Nick Papadas (left), and Romulus Club Director Frank Rigger.



Board Trustee Debbie Dick (left) and Middle School English teacher Chris Hobson took part in a luncheon that honored winners of the "Drug Free, That's Me" essay contest sponsored by the Mayor's Drug Task Force.



Board Treasurer Eva Webb (left) enjoyed visiting with former Romulus High School teacher Kirsten Fairchild at the district's dinner for new teachers last spring.



Board Vice-president Michael Woods (left) was on hand to congratulate Cory Elementary School teacher Chris Smith during the district's annual Apple Awards program.



Board Secretary Kenneth Berlinn, his wife Rosalie, and their daughter Denise enjoyed attending the Romulus Senior Center's "National Night Out" dinner last August.

Nominations Sought for Seventh Annual Governor's Service Awards

As one means to strengthen our communities and help solve Michigan's social problems, Governor John Engler and the Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) strongly support volunteer service. The establishment of the Governor's Service Awards program, now in its seventh year, seeks to acknowledge the countless Michigan citizens involved in volunteer service, and honor those whose commitment to community and service to others is exemplary.

The MCSC has announced that Governor's Service Award nomination forms are now available. Individuals may nominate themselves or others in one of 15 award categories that honor volunteer service to the community. The categories include: Youth, Adult, Senior, National Service Program, National Service Program Member, Youth Service Club/Civic Organization, Adult Service Club/Civic Organization, Corpora-

tion/Business, Service-learning Educator, Community Service Program Manager, Media/News Organization, The Arts in Science, and Innovative Spirit, in addition to the prestigious Governor George Romney Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award. Nomination forms are due February 11, 2000.

Five finalists in each of the categories will be selected through an extensive peer review process. The finalists will attend a reception and dinner on May 18, 2000, where they will be honored by the Governor and First Lady, Michelle Engler, for their volunteer contributions. The reception and dinner are sponsored by Ameritech, and are being held in conjunction with the Volunteerism SuperConference 2000.

To request a nomination form, call the MCSC at 517-373-4200, or download it from the MCSC website: www.state.mi.us/career/mcsc. □

Cory Honors Students of the Month for November, December, January

Congratulations to the following young people at Cory Elementary for receiving their school's "Student of the Month" honors in November, December, or January.

November

Maurice Anderson (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Andrianna Barden (Ms. Cristini, kindergarten "B"), Luke Blum (Ms. Green, first grade), Melissa DuFore (Ms. Roberts, third grade), Christopher King (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Brittany Lincoln (Ms. Watson, first grade), Dajuan Partee (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Aaron Rollin (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Khyla Ross (Ms. Williams, sixth grade), Joshua Sands (Ms. Cristini, kindergarten "A"), Nicole Siemaszko (Ms. McGlynn, third grade), David Sheldon (Ms. Lybik, fourth grade), Corey Sledd (Ms. Kahler, second grade), Danielle Stephens (Ms. Price, third grade), Akara Stovall (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Antonia Walker (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), and Joseph Willis (Ms. Baluk, second grade).

December

Shannon Bratcher (Ms. McGlynn, third grade), Jasmine Brown (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Valerie Crawford (Ms. Watson, first grade), Kassandra Gray (Ms. Lybik, fourth grade), Justin Hartman (Ms. Price, third grade), James Hayes (Ms. Sims, fifth

grade), Antoinette Hemphill (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Benjamin Hojnowski (Ms. Green, first grade), Michelle Kincer (Ms. Cristini, kindergarten "A"), Nicholas Lewis (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Marjorie Miskey (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Tamar Reynolds (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Brian Rodger (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Thomas Rutherford (Ms. Williams, sixth grade), Ashley Wilson (Ms. Roberts, third grade), Amber Wood (Ms. Kahler, second grade), and Lazé Yharbough (Ms. Cristini, kindergarten "B"). January

Christine Amis (Ms. Roberts, third grade), Jessica Brown (Ms. Cristini, kindergarten "A"), Breanna Buchau (Ms. Green, first grade), Jessica Cronk (Ms. Price, third grade), Angelica Cummings (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Mariah Haney (Ms. McGlynn, third grade), Sarah Johnson (Ms. Williams, sixth grade), Kaitlyn Lefler (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Alecia Morgan (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Jeremy Rachal (Ms. Watson, first grade), Dustin Riordan (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Tina Smyth (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Kaessi Torres (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Dante Tyson (Ms. Cristini, kindergarten "B"), Lorenzo Wells (Ms. Lybik, fourth grade), Ryan West (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), and William Yharbough (Ms. Kahler, second grade).

Community Calendar

- Book-signing/Discussion Borders Books and Music-Dearborn (5601 Mercury Drive) invites you to attend a book-signing and discussion with Sterling Anthony, author of the stunning psychological suspense novel, Cookie Cutter, which features one of the most complex villains in recent literature. The event is set for Monday, January 17, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 313-271-4441.
- Recreation Programs The Romulus Recreation Department (located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) is still accepting registrations for the following once-a-week (unless otherwise noted) winter-season programs: Preschool Gymnastics (classes begin January 18; \$50 for eight sessions), Gymnastics for Ages 5–10 (classes begin January 20; \$50 for eight sessions), Ballet for Ages 6 and Up (classes began January 12; \$30 for eight sessions), Tap for Ages 6 and Up (classes began January 12; \$30 for eight sessions), Jazz for Ages 6 and Up (classes began January 12; \$30 for eight sessions), Beginning and Advanced Clogging (classes began January 10; \$20 for 10 sessions), and Aerobics (Monday/Wednesday classes begin February 7; \$62 for 20 sessions). For more information about these or other programs, call the Recreation Center: 734-942-6852.
- Handwriting Analysis Graphologist Liz Mills will be on hand at Borders Books and Music–Dearborn (5601 Mercury Drive) from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, January 31, to analyze your handwriting. For more information, call 313-271-4441.
- "African American Experience" Book Discussion Group The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on January 19) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- Silent Auction & Wine Tasting The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend its Silent Auction & Wine Tasting benefit, to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on Thursday, February 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. A donation of \$25 per person covers a three-course dinner along with the wine tasting. Deadline for registration is January 28. For more information, or for tickets, please call Karan Johnson, the Chamber's Executive Secretary, at 734-326-4290.
- Youtheatre Offers Ishangi's Africa— Youtheatre's Movin' Up Club (children ages seven and up; no one under five will be admitted to the theater) presentation of Ishangi's Africa has been set for Saturday, February 26 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, February 27 (2 p.m.), at Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$9 at the door. Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops are available. Call 313-963-2366.
- Youtheatre Offers Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping—Youtheatre's Wiggle Club (children ages three to six; no one under three will be admitted to the theater) presentation of Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping has been set for Saturday, March 4 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 5 (2 p.m.), at Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$9 at the door. Group rates, birthday parties, season tickets, and drama workshops are available. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- Attention, Class of 1950! Plans are in the works for the 50-year reunion
 of Romulus High School's Class of 1950. To find out more about how you
 can help plan this event, or to make suggestions about how it can be made
 the best reunion ever, call Donna (Rehkop) Genovese (734-941-0293) or
 Ruth (Stevenson) Meyers (734-941-0254), or contact Don Koza on line
 (www.bilygoat.id.com).
- TOPS Meetings TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #MI1690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/ year + \$1/week (first visit free).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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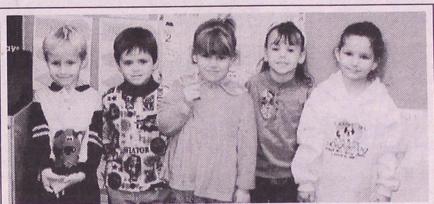


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(From left) Zachary Yak, Tyler Bondie, Carly Waterstradt, Paige Gubaci, and Cheyenne Chapman enjoy attending the Romulus Michigan School Readiness Program, conducted at Mt. Pleasant School. Anyone interested in enrolling their four-year-old (age as of December 1, 2000) in the next session, which will begin in the fall, should call Gail Blanchard (941-0610, ext. 40) for more information.



Recently presenting the annual Science Department report to the Board of Education were (from left) Pat Adams (Elementary Science Coordinator), Phyllis Adkins (Cory Principal), Kim Jensen (Middle School Science Department Co-chair), Chris Powers (Middle School Assistant Principal and Secondary Science Strand Administrator), Sharon Grandell (Middle School Science Department Co-chair), and Darrell Kenyon (High School Science Department Chair).



On December 16, after-school pizza parties at Wick and Merriman schools rewarded students who took part in the 21st-century Community Learning Center's One-on-One Reading program. Students worked individually with a reading tutor for 45 minutes each weekday, completing a combined total of 398.25 hours of after-school reading. For more information about the program, which is also conducted at the Middle School, call 734-722-1050, ext. 273.

Romulus Library Offers Free Tax, Craft, and Storytime Programs

The following programs are offered, free of charge, at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). For more information, stop in during the Library's regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.) or call 734-942-7589.

Free Tax Help

Pamela Roberson of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the Library to assist patrons with their tax forms from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, and every other Saturday thereafter (February 19, March 4, March 18, and April 1, as well as April 8). Patrons will be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis, so Library personnel urge those who wish to take advantage of the free service to come early.

Roberson's areas of expertise include child-care credit, the earned-income credit, and credits for the elderly; forms 1040EZ, 1040A, and 1040; and the various schedules that accompany these forms.

Seasonal Craft Programs for Kids

Due to the recent success of the Library's fall/holiday craft programs

last year, more have been planned during the first half of this year. Each of the approximately 45-minute seasonal programs will be held on a Saturday (January 22, February 12, March 11, April 15, and May 13) at 10:30 a.m. Each will show children in grades kindergarten through five how to create unique, useful crafts for their own use or to be given as gifts.

Although these are free programs, preregistration is required, as space is limited.

Preschool Storytime Programs

"Animals All Around" is the theme of the Library's Winter/Spring Storytime Program for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten. Parents can choose between Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) sessions, which will begin February 22 and February 24, respectively, and end March 28 and March 30. Each will feature an entertaining medley of stories, finger-plays, games, and crafts.

Although these programs are free, preregistration is required, as space is limited. \square

Middle School Students Eligible for \$500 MEAP Scholarship Awards

Beginning with this year's seventh-grade class, students at Romulus Middle School will have an opportunity to earn up to \$500 in scholarship money by performing well on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test.

According to Christine Julvezan, a counselor at the Middle School, students will have to pass all four of the tests they take during their two years at the school (math and reading in grade seven, and science and writing in the eighth grade) in order to earn the full \$500. However, unlike its all-or-nothing counterpart at the high-school level - which requires a score of Level 1 or Level 2 on all four parts for \$2,500 - the Middle School version allows students to earn partial scholarships by passing only two or three of their tests (\$250 or \$375, respectively)

Julvezan also noted that the middle-school scholarships are awarded only to students who eventually earn the high-school scholarship, as well.

"In other words," she explained,
"a student who passes the middle

school tests, but does not pass the high-school tests, will not be eligible for any money."

Julvezan said that payment of the MEAP scholarship funds is not made unless and until a student begins his or her college education. To help ensure that accurate records can be kept regarding a student's eligibility for such money, parents will be asked to volunteer information about their child, including his or her Social Security number.

Middle School Principal Ed Clark reported that his staff has worked hard to integrate MEAP-related concepts into their curriculum throughout the school year.

"For instance," he said, "our math department has conducted in-service sessions, developed problem-solving kits for all classes, and implemented programs such as 'Fraction Friday' to help students prepare for the test."

He added that a large number of students have also been taking part in after-school tutoring, which has been offered twice weekly since last October.



CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

You might not have known our "mystery woman" when this picture was taken, but her adult face is familiar to many people in the City of Romulus.

To learn her identity, anagram (rearrange) each "key word" below – WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE LETTER – to answer the corresponding clue, and fill in the blanks accordingly.

If the puzzle is done correctly, the added letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out the name of this prominent local citizen.

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BAITa shinbone	
CASTEpasses a law	
SOIL objects of worship	
TRAINS performer of "Witchcraft"	
MUSCATInner (radio program of old)	
SPIRAL the North Star	
NUNCIO a fabled creature	
DEALER May's birthstone	
ENTERING a vivid shade of orange	
COLLATE Richard Gere's role in First Knight	
For solution, see page 15	

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "SENIOR"

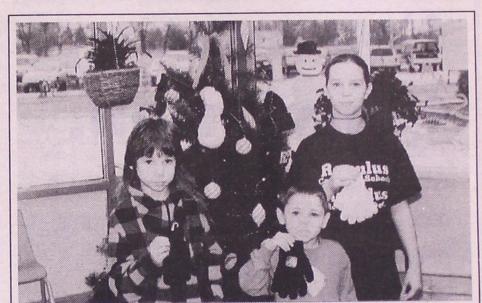
How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters found in SENIOR? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, plurals and present-tense verbs formed by the addition of the letter "s" at the end, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, alternate spellings, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 19 words can be found on page 15

Holiday Season Wrap-up



(From left) Cassandra Coatsworth, Aaron Dismuke, and Ashley McCarty were among many second-grade students at Merriman School who decorated gingerbread houses during the holiday season.



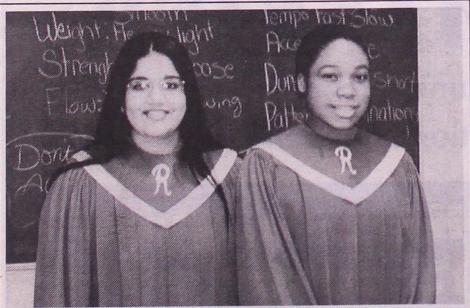
Merriman parents and students such as (from left) Aron Flynn, Matthew Abramson, and Courtney Turner participated in the season of giving by decorating a "mitten tree" to benefit the Helping Hand Thrift Shop.



High School National Honor Society members Amber Bowman (left) and Jessica Nieman helped Cory's K-3 students (like Katrina Miskey and Jacob Carter) choose and wrap presents for Mom and Dad at the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club's annual holiday gift shop.



Cory Principal Phyllis Adkins (right) was happy to accept holiday gifts for some of her school's disadvantaged students when Northwest Airlines employees/"Hub Club" members (from left) Cindy Burley, Darlene Holden, and Deidre Larson came by with their many generous donations.



Romulus High School Choir members Aisha Siddiqui (left) and Melzina Thompson were featured in a duet at the school's annual holiday concert.

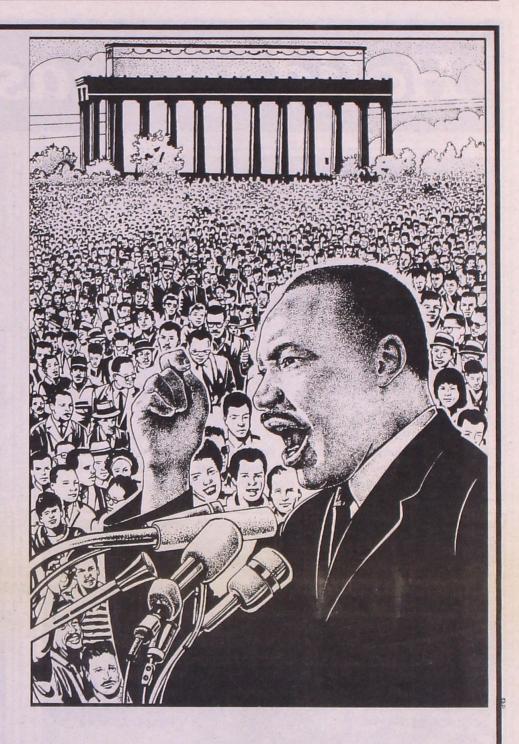


High School dance students Christina Bishop (left) and Dayna Dawson also performed at the concert.

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REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 13, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, December. 1999, was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Betty M. Lenossi

Roll call showed member Debbie Dick absent (excused). All administrators were present. Member Dick entered the meeting at 6:53 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

12/99/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

12/99/2 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 22, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Elana Vrettas, Social Worker, Cory Elementary School, Effective

12/99/3 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert to approve the employment of Elana Vrettas, Social Worker, Cory Elementary School, as offered by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment 12/99/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Report - Science

Mesdames Powers, Adkins, Adams, Jensen, and Blohm and Mr. Darrell Kenyon were present to update the Board of Education on our district science curriculum in the elementary and secondary schools. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education

School Safety Procedures

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the information that was brought to us by Romulus Police Officer John Smagner concerning required cooperation among the schools, police, and the prosecutor's office in terms of school safety. He discussed his meeting with Mr. Ward from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby, and other public representatives.

School Board Recognition Month

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, stated that January is School Board Recognition Month. We attached a sheet showing small gifts made available by the State Organization for members of the Board to select

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience voiced their concerns, as they relate to the operation of the school district, to members of the Board of Education.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) MASB - Tenure Ruling; and 3) "Thanks" - Richard Allen.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick discussed class size and the possible need for help. She also discussed the need for transportation for the alternate-school basketball program.

Mr. Michael Woods reiterated the need for students with "D" grades to go to reteaching, and also to write a thank-you note to Mr. Leigh for assisting with the firearm incident at Barth Elementary School.

Mrs. Eva Webb liked the idea of a greenhouse, but stated that we should watch the weather station

Mr. Billy McCraight voiced his concerns about a statement made by Cory Elementary School on the subject of banning certain books.

Executive Session - Negotiations/Property Matters

12/99/5 Moved by Lambert supported by McCraight that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and property matters. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:18 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:58 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

12/99/6 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

RMS Students Recognized

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 36 students to receive the school's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavior and academic performance during the month of November.

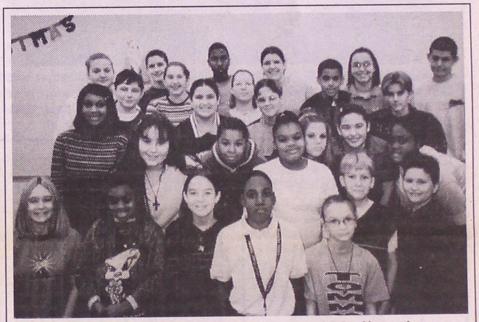
Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement as well as a Romulus Middle School "Bulldogs" pencil and a "Bulldogs" mouse pad.

Parents in attendance were given a "Bulldogs" mug to recognize their support of the students.

Principal Ed Clark would like to acknowledge the achievement of the following students.

November Students of the Month

Elizabeth Berry, Jessica Bright, Cynamon Cain, Alvaro Camacho, Kristina Camilleri, James Davis, Thomas Drayton, Carissa Drobil, Tori Flemings, Jessica Frost, Anitra Glimps, Melissa Grace, Steven Gratiot, Mishielle Gray, Stephanie Hindman, Connelly Cortez Hughes, Juliana Jayme, Anita Johnson, Kevin Kucharski, Latoi Lee, Timothy Lewis, Sarah Lindroth, Ameera Marion, Patrick McCollum, Leah Moore, Jeffrey Ottenbreit, Shawn Perkins, Lauren Romak, Paulette Stanford, Stephanie Sterrett, Danny Strange, Garrett Swezene, Kyle Wasson, Thomas Watt, Shawnita Williams, and Natasha Zander.



Romulus Middle School's "Students of the Month" for November.

RHS Students Recognized

Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 49 students to receive November's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance.

Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to the generosity of local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

RHS Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough would like to congratulate the following students on their achievement. November Students of the Month

Christina Bishop, Stephanie Blackburn, Tricia Carlson, Sarah Cox, Amanda Crosby, Mario Dawson, Jeanne Estes, Sarah Gray, James Green, Marie Hall, Brandon Hicks, Wesley Jenkins, Jarvis Jordan (Athlete of the Month), Jezail June, Crystal Koch, Jason Konopka, Ruby Lee, Brian Longre, Chalin Makowski, Dinah Malosh, Andrea Marosan, Nicole McMurdy, Steven Mientkiewicz, Russell Milligan, Crystal Minner, Candice Montgomery, Chris Moore, Jesse Morris, Maida Mulaosmanovic, Joshua Nichols, Chidinma Okaro, Anthony Patierno, Michael Patrias, Shawna Pattenaude, Lyle Place, Albert Plloci, Shannon Pritchett, Peter Proctor, John Ryznar, Emily Schulz, Clayton Smith, Helen Stewart, Nicholas Stewart, Bethany Swauger, Melissa Thornton, Rhoda Walton, Christina Wands, Nancy Whittemore, and Julius Williams.

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Athletic-facility Plans Move Forward



Romulus Community Schools Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather and Department secretary Paula Smith look over possible plans for new bleachers to be constructed near the High School's football field. Bids will be let this month so that installation can be completed by fall.

RMS Girls' Volleyball

- Ypsilanti West at Romulus (Mon., Feb. 14, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti East (Wed., Feb. 16, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Mon., Feb. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus
- (Wed., Feb. 23, 3:45 p.m.) Belleville South at Romulus
- (Mon., Feb. 28, 3:45 p.m.) Romulus at Ypsilanti West
- (Wed., Mar. 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Mon., Mar. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Mar. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Mon., Mar. 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville South (Wed., Mar. 15, 3:45 p.m.)

RMS Boys' Wrestling

- Romulus at Monroe (Tue., Feb. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Thurs., Feb. 17, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Tue., Feb. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Trenton at Romulus
- (Thurs., Feb. 24, 3:45 p.m.) Romulus at Belleville North (Tue., Feb. 29, 3:45 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Thurs., Mar. 2, 3:45 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Tue., Mar. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thurs., Mar. 9, 3:45 p.m.)
- Bve (Tue., March 14)
- League Meet at Southgate (Sat., Mar. 18, TBA)

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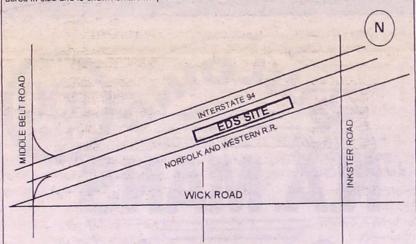
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL HEARING HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE REVIEW BOARD

Michigan's Hazardous Waste Site Review Board (SRB) hereby gives notice that an informal hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2000, to evaluate the proposed Environmen Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) hazardous waste management facility.

EDS submitted an application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility at 28470 Citrin Drive in Romulus, Michigan. The application was submitted to satisfy the requirements under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451)

The proposed facility would accept liquid hazardous waste from off-site generators for disposal in deep injection wells. Prior to disposal in the deep injection wells, the wastes would be stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks. The site for the proposed facility is approximately 15 acres in size and is shown on the map below:



The Part 111 of Act 451 construction permit application is for the storage and treatment of hazardous wastes prior to disposal in the deep injection wells. The deep injection wells have already been permitted under the federal Underground Injection Control Program and under Part 625, Mineral Wells, of Act 451; they are not subject to the Part 111 of Act 451 construction

The DEQ completed its review of the application and referred it to the SRB for consideration in August 1999. The SRB must evaluate the potential impact that the proposed facility could have on the environment and on the local community. After completing its review, the SRB must ecommend whether the DEQ should issue or deny the construction permit

The SRB held a public hearing to receive comments on the proposal, and it is now evaluating those comments and the proposal at a series of informal

hearings. The SRB will discuss the proposal during the informal hearings, and will call upon local officials, EDS, the DEQ, and others for additional testimony on disputed issues. In addition, the SRB may devote a limited portion of each informal hearing to public comments

The informal hearing will be held at the Romulus High School Auditorium 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should contact Mr. Steve Sliver at the address below, or at 517-373-1976, at least a week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance

The application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the DEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 734-953-1408); and at the DEQ's Waste Management Division Office located on the First Floor of the John A. Hannah Building, 608 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Steve Sliver at 517-373-1976).

Requests, comments, and questions regarding the application and review process should be addressed to Mr. Steve Sliver, Waste Management Division, Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Smart Snacking Might Be Key To Resolution Success

By Florine Mark, president and CEO, Weight Watchers International

January is the one month of the year when millions of people resolve to do the same thing: lose weight. One of the keys to losing weight is to eat a healthy, balanced diet - and these days, with all the low-calorie and low-fat products available at the grocery store, it is getting much easier to eat better.

So why aren't people getting thinner? The proof just might be in the pudding!

Even when you have the best intentions and try to eat in a healthy manner, between-meal munching and snacking can be your downfall. Of course, munching on fresh fruits and veggies is one of the best ways to snack. But for some people, when they are looking to munch, they are looking to satisfy more than their hunger. Often, they are looking to satisfy a craving for sugar or salt.

To satisfy your craving, don't grab for the high-fat chips and chocolates; instead, try making some homemade, healthy snacks. Some of the greatest snack recipes I've found are low in calories and fat. They taste so great, you wouldn't even know that they're

To spruce up plain popcorn, add honey and sesame seeds to make Honey-Sesame Popcorn. And Cocoa Crunch Mix is a great after-lunch munchie for a p.m. snack. For a latenight crunch, Potato Chips are good to munch.

All of these wonderful munchies can be made in advance and stored in airtight containers. So don't just enjoy these snacks at home; pack them in your lunch, send them to school with your kids, or bring them to picnics and parties. Before you know it, your whole family will be hooked on healthy snacks.

Cocoa Crunch Mix

(makes 8 servings)

1/4 cup reduced-calorie tub margarine

1 tablespoon granulated sugar

1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder

2 ounces thin pretzel sticks, coarsely broken

1 1/2 ounces wheat squares cereal 1 ounce shredded wheat cereal, coarsely broken

1 1/2 ounces toasted oat cereal

1 1/2 ounces unsalted peanuts, coarsely chopped

1/2 cup raisins

In large saucepan, melt margarine; stir in sugar and cocoa. Add pretzels, wheat squares, shredded wheat, oat cereal, and peanuts; cook, stirring frequently, 2-3 minutes. Stir in raisins; cook 2-3 minutes longer, until mixture is dry. Cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

Each serving provides: 1 Fat; 1/2 Fruit; 1 Bread; 25 Optional Calories.

Per serving: 167 Calories; 4 g. Protein; 5 g. Fat; 27 g. Carbohydrate; 282 mg. Sodium; 0 mg. Cholesterol, 2 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: Weight Watchers Complete Cookbook & Program Basics, 1994.

Honey-Sesame Popcorn

(makes 2 servings)

1 tablespoon whipped butter

2 teaspoons honey

2 teaspoons sesame seeds, toasted

4 cups prepared plain popcom

In small microwavable cup or bowl, combine butter and honey and microwave on high (100%) for 1 minute, until melted. Stir in sesame seeds. In medium mixing bowl, arrange popcorn; pour honey mixture evenly over popcorn and toss to coat.

Each serving provides: 1 Bread; 65 Optional Calories.

Per serving: 110 Calories; 2 g. Protein; 5 g. Fat; 16 g. Carbohydrate; 32 mg. Calcium; 30 mg. Sodium; 8 mg. Cholesterol; Dietary Fiber data not available.

Source: Weight Watchers Meals in Minutes, 1989

Potato Chips

(makes 4 servings)

1 pound, 4 ounces russet potatoes, pared and sliced 1/8" thick

3/4 teaspoon salt

Place potatoes in a bowl and pour ice water to cover; stir in 1/4 teaspoon of the salt and let stand 30 minutes.

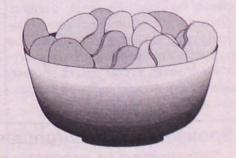
Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 2 nonstick baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.

Drain potatoes, blot dry and place on prepared baking sheets in a single layer. Bake 45 minutes, turning potato slices over frequently during the baking time so that they crisp evenly. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Each serving provides: 1 Bread.

Per serving: 107 Calories; 2 g. Protein; 1 g. Fat; 23 g. Carbohydrate; 442 mg. Sodium; 0 mg. Cholesterol; 2 g. Dietary Fiber.

Source: Weight Watchers Complete Cookbook & Program Basics, 1994.



Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of January: Esther Carter, Bertha Clanton, Joyce Hook, Stella Lewis, Fern Mostoller, Mildred Qualls, and Evelyn Sales.

Grandparent for a Day

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in the lives of young children. Starting January 26 (from 1 to 3:30 p.m.), and continuing once a month thereafter, interested seniors will be traveling to a local classroom to interact with preschoolers. The basic job description: read a story, sing a song, or color a picture with new friends. No lifting or heavy work is required. For more information, call Elaine: 734-641-7515. Other Volunteer Positions Open

The Romulus Senior Center is always looking for friendly volunteers who would like to become more involved in the Center by helping to plan and execute its various programs. To find out more about how you can give the priceless gift of caring, contact Program Coordinator Linda Norman.

Luncheon Celebrates MLK, Jr.

The Romulus Senior Center will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and kick off Black History Month (February) at its next luncheon, set for 1 p.m. on Friday, January 21. The menu for the event will include fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, dessert, and a beverage. Cost is \$5. Preregistration is required. Sign up at the Center no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18.

Preventing Elder Abuse

Just a reminder that "Citizens for Better Care" will be at Romulus Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, to offer helpful information on preventing abuse and neglect of the elderly. Please try to attend. While the subject may not seem relevant to your life today, elder abuse and neglect is a problem that almost everyone witnesses at one time or another. Learn more about it today so that you can deal with it tomorrow.

Mystery Trip

Put a little suspense into your life by taking part in the Senior Center's next mystery trip, set for Tuesday, January 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A \$4.50 fee covers the cost of transportation and any necessary admission charges; the Center recommends that each person bring a minimum of \$10 extra spending money for lunch and other costs. Sign up at the Center.

"Hawaii" Travel Show

Because the Senior Center is considering the possibility of arranging a group tour to the Hawaiian Islands, Program Coordinator Linda Norman has scheduled a "Hawaii Travel Show" speaker/slide presentation on Tuesday, February 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. No sign-up is necessary.

Motor City Casino

If you've been itching to try out the new Motor City Casino, be sure to sign up for the Romulus Senior Center's upcoming trip, set for Wednesday, January 19. Transportation cost is \$5.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant (January 26; \$9);
- Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant (February 22; \$21);
- Golden Southwest Tour
 (November 11–25; \$879; \$100 holds your seat);
- Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant (March 28; \$9); and
- Soaring Eagle Casino/Mt. Pleasant (April 25: \$21).

A Fitness Resolution

If you're one of the many senior citizens who made a New Year's resolution to get more exercise, the Romulus Senior Center has a couple of programs that will help you with your goal.

The first – a once-a-week indoo walking program – provides transporta tion to the nearest Wayne County Community College campus for an hour of move-at-your-own-pace exercise. The van departs from the Center at 9 a.m each Wednesday.

The second is a free toning/stretch ing/aerobic exercise class, which meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m

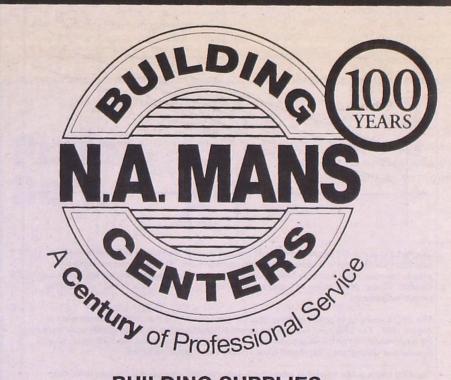
The Center recommends that a who participate in these programs were comfortable clothing, and urges any one unused to physical exertion to cor sult a physician before beginning.

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Among those who helped out at the Senior Center's annual New Year's Gala were Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson and "Mrs. Claus" (Michele Dick). In all, about 215 people attended the event.

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Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Clarence W. Fry

Clarence W. Fry of Cullman, Alabama, died on Sunday, January 2, 2000. He was 76 years old.

Born in Stiltner, West Virginia, on March 13, 1923, the retiree was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Belleville, Michigan.

Clarence is survived by two sons, John and Alvin Fry; five grandchildren; and his dear friend, Virginia Collum. Predeceasing him were his wife Reba, two brothers, and three sisters.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Doris Eileen (Golinski) Kiser

Doris Eileen (Golinski) Kiser of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Friday, January 7, 2000, at the age of 76.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Doris was born on March 13, 1923.

She is survived by her husband, James "Brad" Kiser; one son, Lawrence -B. (Loretta) Kiser (Belleville, MI); one daughter, Mary Beth Marz (Romulus, MI); and five grandchildren.

One brother predeceased her.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, January 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating.

Tressa H. (MacSmiegel) Rohde

Tressa H. (MacSmiegel) Rohde of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, December 27, 1999, at the age of 68.

The native of Wyandotte, Michigan – born September 10, 1931 – was active in the Romulus Progressive Club,

and the Romulus Senior Center.

Surviving her are her husband, Charles P. Rohde; six children, Anthony (Grace) Rohde (Taylor, MI), Mrs. John (Marge) Buehner (Westland, MI), Chuck Rohde, Jr. (Romulus, MI), David (Teresa) Rohde (South Mills, NC), Gary Rohde (Romulus, MI), and Larry Rohde (Romulus, MI); and 14 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Friday, December 31, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomason officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. □

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